



# AHMADIYYA MUSLIM FOREIGN MISSIONS OFFICE

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## POLICE DEMOLISHED MINARETS FROM A 73 YEAR OLD AHMADIYYA PLACE OF WORSHIP IN

### PAKISTAN AND DESECRATED ISLAMIC CREED 'KALIMA' FROM ITS FACADE

#### THIS IS THE 8<sup>TH</sup> SUCH INCIDENT THIS YEAR

**JUNE 24, 2021:** WE REGRET TO REPORT A SECOND SUCH INCIDENT WITHIN THE SPAN OF ONE WEEK IN THE SAME DISTRICT. THE POLICE HAVE DESECRATED AHMADIYYA PLACE OF WORSHIP IN CHAK 57 G.B, GHIYALA, DIST. FAISALABAD.

THESE ATTEMPTS HAVE DISHONORED THE ORDERS OF THE SUPREME COURT OF PAKISTAN (2014) IN REGARDS TO THE PROTECTION OF PLACES OF WORSHIP.

**June 18, 2021:** The police sent for the local president of the Ahmadiyya community in Chak 57 G.B. They instructed him to bring down the minarets and sacred writings from the Ahmadiyya place of worship. Upon denial, the SHO (*Station House Officer*) of the police warned that if he refuses to bring down the



minarets by himself, the administration will bring a crane to knock the minarets down. The police will also register an FIR against him. The police kept on insisting that they had received orders from higher officials. The Ahmadiyya administration attempted to contact higher authorities to find a solution to this matter.

**June 24, 2021:** Around 30 policemen arrived at the village after the sunset, cordoned off all paths to the place of worship, switched off the lights, broke the lock and entered the site. The local administration representative, members of the 'Special Branch Unit' were also



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present. The police then pulverized the plaques comprising the Islamic Creed, names of Allah, Quranic verse and wrecked its minarets. The police did not allow anyone to capture a photo or video and took away all debris after the incident.

Earlier in the week we reported of a similar incident in 261 R.B Adhwali, both of these villages come under the same SP (*Superintendent Police.*)

This event is the 8th such incident in 2021 and another instance of the state-backed persecution of the Ahmadiyya community. Such attacks on worship places are directly against the landmark 2014 judgment of Supreme Court chief justice Tassaduq Hussain Jilani about protecting places of worship.

## SOME GLIMPSES OF THE SITE AFTER THE INCIDENT

